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August 6, 2023

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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5:00 pm - In Person

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9:00am

Live-Stream & In Person

11:00am & 5:00pm - In Person

Mon - Sat: 8:30 am

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Thursdays at 7 pm

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

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First Reading:

In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a "son of man." The vision speaks to God's everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. ***Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?***

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. ***How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?***

Gospel:

The transfiguration reveals Jesus's divinity to Peter, James, and John, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ***What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to?***

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TODAY'S READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;
Psalm 97;
1 Peter 1:16-19;
Matthew 17:1-9

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. According to most Catholic scholars and theologians, the Transfiguration is the culminating point of the Lord's public life. His Baptism is considered to be the starting point of that public life, and the Ascension is the end. Our Gospel Reading today, which reports this event, is from the Book of Matthew. However, the Transfiguration is also reported in Mark and Luke, and St. Peter refers to it in one of his letters, and by St. John as well.

Peter and John would allude to the Transfiguration as they, along with St. James, witnessed it. Jesus took the three Apostles and led them to a "high mountain" where He was transfigured before their eyes. The mountain is never directly identified - it is not the mountain but what occurred there that is important. In the original Greek from today's Gospel St. Matthew uses the Greek word *metemorphe* to describe the Transfiguration. It means "a complete change of form, structure, or substance."

However, the Transfiguration is something beyond that. Jesus allows the three Apostles who were present (as well as those of us who hear the Word) to view what eternal life in heaven is like. Christ's divinity is on full display. To use Matthew's words, "His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light."

Our First Reading from the Book of Daniel contains almost the same description as that found in the Gospel. Prophet Daniel describes what will occur as follows: "His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool." As if that prophecy was not enough, Daniel takes it to the next step by going on to say, "One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."

The term "Son of Man" is one that Jesus used to often to describe Himself. In fact, the term "Son of Man" occurs 85 times in the Gospels, and in 83 of them it is Jesus who uses the term. (It appears 32 times in Matthew; 15 times in Mark; 26 times in Luke; and 12 times in John, and it is in John where it is used twice by someone other than Jesus.)

The important point for us is that Jesus calling Himself the Son of Man explains that He was born of a woman, and He shares in our earthly conditions and sufferings. That fact should make us want to embrace Him as our Savior, our Friend, and our Shepherd even more.

The Transfiguration was not a different miracle; it was part of an ongoing miracle. Perhaps the real miracle was that Jesus kept away from displaying His glory most of the time. When the three apostles present became aware of the full divinity of Jesus, it is reported that "They fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Is that how we react when we become aware of the presence of God? Are we a bit fearful?

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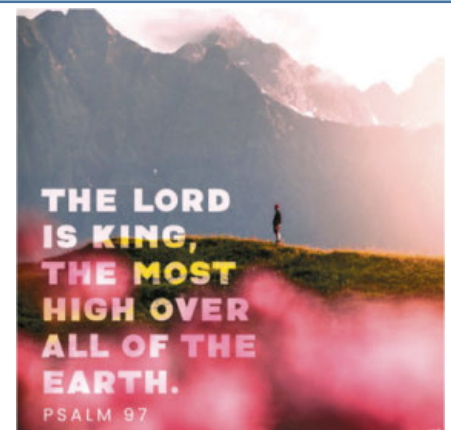


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While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Sun	8/6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Mon	8/7	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tue	8/8	St. Dominic, Priest Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed	8/9	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thu	8/10	ST. LAWRENCE, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Fri	8/11	St. Clare, Virgin Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Sat	8/12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sun	8/13	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	8/7	8:30 am	Georgina Dao Nguyen Conry †
Tue	8/8	8:30 am	Karen Chang (special intention)
Wed	8/9	8:30 am	Mya Coffey (special intention)
Thu	8/10	8:30 am	Larry Gonzales †
Fri	8/11	8:30 am	Jan Stallings †
		8:30 am	World Peace
Sat	8/12	5:00 pm	Steve Broeker & Harry J Broeker †
		9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Sun	8/13	11:00 am	Anna Miceli †
		5:00 pm	

BREATHE IN THE LOVE OF GOD WITH THIS MORNING PRAYER

Start off the day basking in the warmth of God's love.

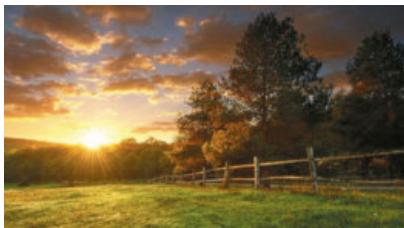
One of the most important parts of the day is the morning, as it sets the tone for the rest of the day. Often if you want to have a good day, it starts with your attitude in the morning.

Praying in the morning can be a perfect opportunity to set the stage for a fruitful day.

Here is a prayer adapted from a 19th-century prayer book entitled *Morning Prayers* that focuses on the great love God has for you.

I give you thanks for all your benefits, particularly for having brought me to the beginning of this day, for having thought of and loved me from all eternity, for having made me out of nothing, preserved me from innumerable evils and borne with me in my sins, for having redeemed me by the death of your only Son, called me to the true Church, favored me with your graces and inspirations, watched over me night and day, appointed your angels to guard me and prepared a happy eternity for me.

Philip Kosloski - published in *Aleteia* on 01/26/21



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

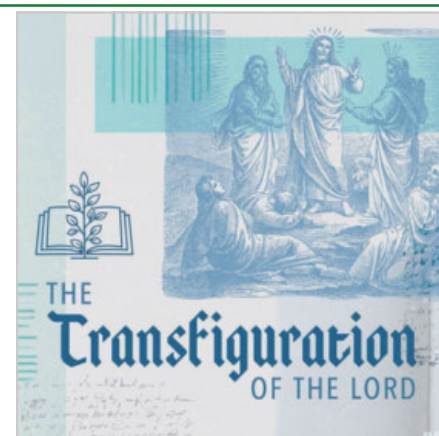
Following Christ will take everything we have. Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we sold all we had in order to purchase the field which contained the great treasure.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: AUGUST

FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
**Vic LoBue, Jr.; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich;
 Frances Corpuz; Sharon Lyndon**

For those who have recently died:

**Jackie Kendell; Julia Miller; Willow Patel; Mary Torrisi;
 Charles Boesenberg; Joseph Perrone; Ed Kelly; Robert
 Hapgood Cowden**

*Members of our parish family who are in the military,
 hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one
 to pray for them.*

MASS INTENTIONS: A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO REMEMBER SOMEONE

You can offer a Mass for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Remember that there is no better gift than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

www.stmaryslg.org/mass-intention-request

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary's! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Parish Office Conference Room. Please see us on the parish website at



stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com



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2ND OFFERING - AUGUST 12 & 13 MISSION APPEAL - ARCHDIOCESE OF TABORA, TANZANIA

Our Mission is to empower the Tabora community by involving the faithful in the identification of issues and helping them solve their own social problems. To make this mission possible we focus on widespread evangelization, furthering social-economic development, provision of health services for all, notably HIV/AIDS Victims, education of orphans/vulnerable children, building small Christian Communities and supporting the poor and the marginalized. In short, the Archdiocese of Tabora carries out its mission under two major sections: pastoral and development offices.

This year the Archdiocese of Tabora will focus on education and protection of albinos, orphans and children from poor families and improvements of water and sanitation.

**ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
& CHURCH ENTRANCES.**

2ND OFFERING - AUGUST 19 & 20 SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

Next week our parish will take up a collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The solidarity fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

In 2023, we will continue to highlight holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire your faith!

SAINT OF THE WEEK: SERVANT OF GOD NICHOLAS BLACK ELK



Black Elk was born in December of 1863 into the Oglala Lakota people to a family with a long history of working as medicine men and healers. He grew up in present-day South Dakota and Wyoming and was the second cousin of Lakota war leader Crazy Horse.

Nicholas Black Elk became a catechist and blended his Catholic faith with traditional Lakota practices and ceremonies. He continued to be a resource of spiritual wisdom when he became a catechist and gave talks to those in his community and in neighboring reservations. Through his evangelizing efforts, he had a hand in helping over 400 people convert to Catholicism and served as godfather for over one hundred of them.

In 1934, Black Elk created a performance show that ran for a decade. It introduced and taught visitors and tourists from white communities about Lakota culture, sacred rituals, and dance. His spiritual visions and teachings were put together into a book, *Black Elk Speaks*, by biographer John G. Neihardt who spent days interviewing him. In the book, Nicholas Black Elk shares his vision for human unity and the story of his people's tribulations and perseverance at the end of the 19th century. Black Elk's witness to his faith, commitment to anti-colonialism, and loyalty to his culture during the collapse of his native world was also documented by ethnologist Joseph Epes Brown in his 1947 book *The Sacred Pipe*.

Black Elk's cause of sainthood was opened in 2017 and he is officially recognized as a Servant of God for his life's work of harmonizing his Catholic faith with his Lakota culture and bringing hundreds to the faith. He is buried at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2022-2025

Heavenly Father,
In your loving mercy,
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,
anointed by the Spirit,
to redeem the world through his Paschal Mystery.
The disciples on the road to Emmaus
pleaded with the Lord, "Stay with us."
Promising to remain with his church,
and to nourish us as the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation,
Jesus left us the Sacrament of Salvation in the Eucharist.
Stir up in our hearts a lively faith
in Jesus' real, loving, and saving presence, and
may the Eucharist become the pattern of our lives.
As a pilgrim church
may we be nourished and strengthened
at the Eucharistic table,
and so "do unto others" in love
as you have loved us.
Through the intercession of St. Joseph and St. Clare,
may we remain in your love
through the Sacrament of your Love. Amen.



**"Take; this is
my body"**

—Mark 14:22

The presence of
Christ in the
Eucharist is real, true,
and substantial.

"Jesus awaits us
in this sacrament
of love." (St. John
Paul II, *Dominicae
cenae*, no. 3)



"It is called: Eucharist,
because it is an action of
thanksgiving to God."
(CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist "makes
present the one
sacrifice of Christ the
Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)



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ourselves into the curve of your
slow arm, that we may know the
miracle of now, the gift of this
moment: you beside and beyond
us, welcoming us outside of all
we measure, and standing with us
in it. May we see the goodness of
our still hours and days, sunrises,
sunsets, and the darkness where
our rest is found.

— Micha Boyett
in *A Rhythm of Prayer*
(edited by Sarah Bessey)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

FR NISBET 43RD SCRIPTURE RETREAT - FRI. AUG 11, 2:00PM - SUN. AUG 13, 2:00PM St Francis Retreat, 549 Mission Vineyard Rd, San Juan Bautista. Join Fr. Nisbet in studying the scripture. The weekend is a mixture of scripture study, prayer, celebration and community building. More info & to register visit <https://bit.ly/44JttD5>

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BISHOP CANTÚ EPISCOPAL ORDINATION MASS CELEBRATION PHOTOS - A gallery of the Mass celebration of his 15th year anniversary Episcopal Ordination held on June 29 can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/44sXZBx>.

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIMAGES

SEPT. 10-21, HOLY LAND - 11 DAY PILGRIMAGE Organized by St. Christopher Parish. saintchris.com/pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2023

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